

## Some Towns in Texas

## TAYLOR.

Taylor, Texas, Dec. 11.—Good services Sunday at the various churches and good collections. Rev. G. W. Anderson preached his farewell sermon Sunday night to a splendid audience. He was presented with a handsome new suit of clothes and several additional useful articles of clothing as a token of his highest esteem for one so loyal and congenial as Rev. Anderson. The citizens are hoping and trusting for his return to Allen Chapel A. M. E. church. Rev. P. H. Jackson preached at Allen Chapel Sunday afternoon. Messrs. Leona Webb, Mary Hill, Messrs. Wm. and Henry Hutchins were called to hearne on account of the death of a relative. Mr. Edmond Newman is convalescing after a severe attack of influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Westbrook have moved to their residence on Burkitt street.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Nichols are the parents of a new baby girl, born Sunday. Mother and babe doing well.

Master Bennie Smith, son of Mrs. Birtina Reed, has entered Bishop College at Marshall.

Mrs. Sylvia Hooks met the painful accident, Mrs. G. J. Moody of San Antonio, grand matron of the Juvenile department of American Woodmen delivered a grand lecture here Saturday to the juvenile.

Mrs. Mary Lathan left Sunday for Houston after a brief visit here.

The Modern American is rapidly being organized here with a splendid enrollment.

Mrs. Louise Hansen returned from Merin, Texas, reports a very pleasant stay with Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Reynolds.

Miss Viola Morrow left yesterday for Austin and Little, Texas, to visit relatives and friends.

Rev. H. O. McCutchen of Samuel Houston College, Austin, passed thru the city en route to Granger, Texas. He spent a few hours between trains, at the residence of Prof. and Mrs. J. A. Reynolds, the guest of Mrs. Louise Henderson.

Mrs. Webb Hatcher returned from Bastrop, where she spent several days with her relatives.

Prof. Jeff Meeks, mail clerk, stopped over Saturday evening. Taylor is now his headquarters. His friends Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Campbell, Prof. and Mrs. Reynolds and others were glad to see him and royally entertained him. He left the same afternoon.

Mr. Ben Gregg of Little, Texas, spent Monday night with his brother-in-law, Prof. Reynolds brough with him a large load of wood. Wood being scarce around Reynolds, he laughed heartily when his Bud drove inside.

Mrs. Clara Caldwell of Bishop, Texas, passed through the city Friday en route to Round Rock, Texas, to see her home folks. She stopped at Little, Texas, with her mother, Mrs. Andrew Campbell, who is very ill.

## MART.

Mart, Texas, Dec. 11.—St. Mary Church—Services were good at their church Sunday. Rev. Ellis was at his post and delivered two excellent sermons. Collection \$72.25. We say that our pastor must go to Chicago as a representative in January.

Rehanna is at his post Sunday. This winds up the year for the annual conference. We are looking forward to make a round report.

## M. E. Church.

Services were good all day at this church. Mrs. Ida Dorsey was elected delegate to represent our church at Waco, Dec. 14th. Mr. Will Harrell was in town Sunday shaking hands with his many friends.

Sicklisted: Mrs. Benson, and Mr. Johnson.

## WEATHERFORD.

Weatherford, Texas, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Canarie Alexander came home Sunday for a short visit with her parents. Mr. Richard Dawson of Muskogee, Okla., is here attending to business. There was no services at either church Sunday. Mr. Murrison being away to the conference. Mrs. Mollie Hatchett and Mrs. Ella Smith are on the sick list.

## FORNEY.

Forney, Texas, Dec. 11.—Sunday school was well attended at all churches owing to the inclement weather. The big drive is still on at old Mt. Zion and everybody is looking forward to big anniversary of the church.

Mr. C. W. Sanders visited the Board at Greenville, Texas.

Misses Minnie Ross and Leola Shaffner were Terrell visitors Sunday. Mrs. Leola Shaffner also had a visitor from Italy, Texas, Mrs. Leola B. McMurray is still on the sick list.

## CLEBURNE.

Cleburne, Texas, Dec. 11.—Rev. Yorkum and Rev. Johnson are attending the annual conference at Waco, and the quarterly conference closed with much success, \$200.00 was raised Sunday night. Rev. L. Williams preached a strong sermon Sunday night at Shiloh Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. James Moody have moved into their new residence on East Robin street.

Mrs. Essie Nickles has returned from Calvert and Hearne, where she visited her sister-in-law, Mr. Cooper is visiting his mother in Brookville, Okla. Mrs. Donnie Carwell is improving his home on E. Robin street.

Mr. Paris Davis visited his son at old Mt. Zion last week. Mr. Henry Chastman has returned from Shawnee, Okla. Miss Ruby Wedgworth of Dallas, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Eliza Warren. Miss Jessie Medlock of Grandview was the guest of her aunt, Sunday. Mrs. Fannie Edmondson, Miss Ernestine Phillips visited her sister at Brownwood. Miss Hazel C. Phillips and Mr. M. L. Lockhart spent a few hours in the city the guest of his cousin, Mr. Landress Miller. He was injured in a wreck on the Fort Worth and Denver. The reporter will be absent from the city and desire that all readers of the Express will pay up for the year he will attend the holidays out of town. Mr. Billy Vernon is on the sick list. Mrs. Isabella Cobbs of Ft.

Worth is the guest of Mrs. Yana Eddler. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smith the visiting in Oklahoma.

Prof. Eugene Dykes was in the city Sunday visiting relatives. Mrs. Fannie Wright, who has been very sick is improving. Rev. Joseph A. Brown preached a stirring sermon Sunday morning at the First Baptist church.

Please have your money ready when the reporter comes around.

Misses Hortense Frames and Larena Phillips have returned from Corsicana, where they sang at the State Teachers' Association.

Dr. A. W. Edwards has returned from a trip from Southwest Texas and will leave for Waco to attend the Annual Conference of his church which will convene on the 10th. The Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Edwards will be the guest of Mrs. J. P. Montgomery while in Waco.

## BONHAM.

Bonham, Texas, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Tim McFarland of Honey Grove was in the city this week visiting her mother Mrs. Alice Black.

Mrs. M. C. Ruffin of Terrell is in the city visiting her son, Dr. A. H. McRuffin.

Mrs. Willie B. Crumpton has returned from Mount Pleasant.

Mr. B. K. Johnson has returned from Dallas, where he has been to visit his sick wife.

Mrs. Lizzie Douglas and daughter have returned to Sherman.

Mrs. Dicy Neal died, Dec. 7, and her funeral was conducted by Rev. Carr.

Mr. Dennis Bennette and other of Okla., were here this week to attend the funeral of their mother, Mrs. Dicy Neal.

Mrs. Mollie Fitzgerald of Gainesville is in the city visiting relatives. Prof. Collier is Monday to take up his school at DeKalb.

Rev. J. A. Swann has been sent back to the pastorate of the A. M. E. church for another year. Rev. A. G. Winn as P. E. of the Bonham district.

Rev. James Carr and Mrs. Ida Hirmann and Rev. Phea have returned from the C. M. E. annual conference at Texarkana, Texas.

## PALESTINE.

Palestine, Texas, Dec. 11.—The invincible concert given at the City Hall on the 9th inst., was a success. Rev. G. W. Carter, who has been district Supt. of the M. E. church of this city has been moved to Navasota as pastor of the church there and Rev. Booker becomes Supt. in his stead. Mrs. Allen Thompson of Oklahoma is in the city visiting the sick side of her mother, Mrs. A. S. Davis. Mr. Dennis Williams of Oklahoma, is in the city shaking hands with his many friends. Rev. S. M. Bolden, the popular pastor of the proud St. Paul M. E. church who has been very ill is up and at his pastoral work again. Mr. Will Johnson who is employed at the I. & G. N. freight house got his leg broken last week and is now in the Company's hospital. Rev. E. M. Griggs had a slight stroke of paralysis last week. Mr. W. M. Watson, who has been very ill passed away on the twenty-ninth of last week and was buried under the auspices of the Masons, Pythians and Odd Fellows. Miss Arletha Anderson passed away Monday of last week. Capt. H. G. Neely was in the city for more than a week while his wife was attending the State Teachers' Association. Mr. S. T. Williamson was united in holy matrimony to Miss Maud O. Connor of Houston this week.

The job printing office of Mr. J. B. Leake was destroyed by fire last week.

## MARSHALL.

Marshall, Texas, Dec. 11.—Galilee Baptist church has on a \$400 rally for the 4th Sunday in December, it will be conducted by Captains. The Captains are: Deacons Phillips, Graves, Fields, Mahaffey, Powell, Bryant, Mills, each captain has secured the services of the following able ministers to preach their nights. Rev. J. H. May, Rev. Billie, Rev. Whitlow, Rev. Ed W. Kelly and others. \$400 is the watchword. To all old men above 60 get your exemption papers to be able to vote in the next election, pass the request to every one these exemptions will not cost you anything, let every man 21 and up get a poll tax receipt before Jan. 31, 1920. Let every preacher announce it from the pulpit. Dr. Homer Jones is a very sick man. Mother Carr lies very sick at home. Mr. Willie Barnes is very sick.

## MINERAL WELLS.

Mineral Wells, Texas, Dec. 11.—Rev. E. W. Wright, the beloved pastor of the A. M. E. church preached a special sermon to the children Sunday morning preceding the sermon a neat little program was rendered. Mrs. McGee and daughter from Eagle Ford is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. I. Boykins. Mrs. Saunders has returned from Tulsa, Okla. Rev. Talley visited the school Friday also Miss Williams. Both made inspiring remarks. Miss M. O. Stinnett was called by telegram to Sherman to be present at the funeral of her cousin, Mrs. Fry McKaney-Goodson. Rev. J. S. Sutton left town Saturday. Mr. J. G. Gilliam's daughter Charlie Gilliam married to Mr. Wiley Shannon, Thursday night. We wish for them much success. Mrs. Sims and Hunt has been on the sick list. Mrs. Della Grey has returned from Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander went to Cleburne, Saturday to visit relatives. Mr. Norris Ward visited Weatherford last week.

## GREENVILLE.

Greenville, Texas, Dec. 11.—Born to Mr. Willie Lind, a boy. Born to Mr. Willie Ventosa a girl. Mr. M. W. Reed will visit Covington, Ky., to church convention.

Big things are going on in Greenville. The New Hope Baptist church has launched a \$5,000 rally for the purpose of a new church. Will you come and help Rev. E. S. Winston, to bring the church out.

See Geo. Byrd for the Express at 2062 Geo. street.

## TERRELL.

Terrell, Texas, Dec. 11.—If there is any class of men who need the sympathy of the public this year, it is the farmer. This truly has been a year of opposition with him. Out of a week of mist and gloom the people of Terrell were proud to see a pleasant day Sunday.

Church services at the various churches were well attended.

We gladly welcome Rev. W. T. Wofford, the new pastor of the M. E. church to our city. We hope for him success in his new field of service.

Rev. Craft, the recording and field secretary of National B. Y. P. U. Publishing Board, Nashville, Tenn., lectured at the Bethlehem Baptist church Tuesday evening.

The weekly exercises of the anniversary of Rev. A. Butler, the successful pastor of New Hope Baptist church were only fairly attended on account of the inclement weather. Sunday was a beautiful day and the members and friends came out in large numbers. Rev. E. Harrison of Ennis, Texas, was with us all day at the morning service.

Rev. Baas, the pastor of the First Baptist church (white) delivered an able sermon in the afternoon. Final reports of clubs amounted to \$12.70. The anniversary exercises closed Monday evening, Dec. 8 with a reception.

Prof. D. L. Boyd is putting the business for the Standard Life Insurance Co. He reported last week \$4,500 worth of business.

## McKINNEY.

McKinney, Texas, Dec. 11.—The Parent and Teacher's Association met at high school, Dec. 7. The meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. Lue Johnson, secretary, Mrs. H. J. Coffee. Many good efforts were set forth.

Mrs. A. E. Linzy opened school in Allen, Texas. Rev. Willie Robertson preached at the Christian church Sunday 3:30 and brought some money from his church to assist the church of Christ in their rally. Rev. J. B. Williams preached at Free Will Baptist church Sunday night.

## C. M. E. Church.

Both services were well attended Sunday, and the pastor preached as though he was a new minister, although this is his 4th year. The choir under the direction of Mr. M. E. Rhine rendered some choice selections. The pastor made a strong appeal to the men of the race to pay their Poll Tax and ask that the appeal be passed around.

Strong organization have been perfected to do a great year's work and all officers are striving to collect the General Fund by the last of January. Two special sermons will feature the day for Sunday.

## Rev. W. Louis Smith, Pastor.

## McALESTER.

McAlester, Okla., Dec. 11.—Rev. Addison of Texas closed a successful revival here with Rev. W. R. Jackson of Mt. Triumph Baptist church. There was about 30 additions to the church. Baptists took place at the church. Rev. W. R. Jackson, officiating. Dr. John, Hon. N. B. Blanton and Leslie Beck went to Muskogee to become members of the Elks. The Consistory met last week. Mr. George McCarthy and Mr. Fletcher Tifford were obligated to the 32nd degree. Rev. T. G. Foster, former pastor of the C. M. E. church has been transferred back to Tennessee. He left Monday to take his charge. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith, entertained in honor of Rev. T. G. Foster. Miss Ludia Hopkins was called to Ennis, Texas, on account of illness.

Mrs. Rissie Bostic has returned from Chickasha and Oklahoma City. Mr. B. Blanton was called to Klondike, Texas, to the bedside of his daughter. The 13th Calvary arrived in the city today. Mrs. H. Alford spent Thanksgiving in Tulsa, Okla. Mrs. Henrietta Carter and Miss Lilly Mae Smith spent Thanksgiving in Tulsa and Muskogee. Mr. Matt Brown spent Thanksgiving in Oklahoma City.

## RUSK.

Rusk, Texas, Dec. 11.—Sunday school at Mt. Pleasant C. M. E. church was well attended. Rev. Jim Kendrick preached a able stirring sermon Sunday night at Mt. Olin Baptist church. Mr. Richard Awnens of Rusk and a member of the Tyler String band died Friday morning.

Dec. 5. Mrs. Martha Davis of Dallas; Mrs. Bettie Boone, little Mary Boone, Miss Ula Rivers of Tyler; and the Tyler String Band all were here to attend the funeral of Mr. Richard Owens.

Harliee Price, son of Mr. Clarence Price returned home from a hunting trip Thursday evening when he shot and killed his brother Bennett Price accidentally.

The African prince will preach at the C. M. E. church Sunday, Dec. 14, and have a picture show the rest of the week, showing things of his native home. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Foman gave a birthday party for their little daughter, Lillian Foman. It was well attended and received many nice presents.

Dr. Lattimore and Mrs. Lela Lee made a business trip to Nacogdoches, Wednesday.

Mr. J. A. Smith, R. W. Stevens and P. R. Taylor left for Fort Worth, Wednesday.

Mr. John Thompson of Lone Star was in Rusk, Saturday.

Mrs. and Miss Seale were here Saturday and left Sunday for their school in Smith County.

Mr. Eli Parks of Ranger, Texas, are here and spent Sunday with his uncle, Rev. Sam Love.

## SMITHVILLE.

Smithville, Texas, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Carrie Waddels died last Thursday and was buried last Saturday by the S. M. T. Lodge of which she was a member. Rev. S. J. Connor delivered the funeral oration. Mrs. Carrie Stoglin is here from Kansas City visiting relatives.

Mr. J. Preston is reported ill. Prof. Wm. Anderson and family went to Bastrop Sunday to attend the funeral of a cousin. Mr. Rufus Jackson who died there Saturday a. m. Rev. S. J. Connor, pastor St. Paul A. M. E. church was at his post Sunday.

The public school is now being crowded during the returning from the cotton fields. Miss Dals Williams, visiting her sister Miss B. B. Williams, one of the city teachers has returned to her home at Waco.

## CAMPUS LIFE OF CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE. MENTAL SPARKS INTELLECT.

We read an article in the Conservative Counsellor with much amusement. Paul Quinn's broad and sweeping statement of her superiority over Central Texas College. How she arrived at such an absurd conclusion is far beyond our conception. How soon Paul Quinn College forgets.

"The spoils of former, mental warfare between the two colleges hang on the much famed walls of Central and not Paul Quinn," and it does not yet appear what the end will be.

For March is coming, the opening season of the greater match of wit which will sound the death knell of P. Q. C. for she must go down, down in defeat.

The majority of the students are planning to spend the holidays with their parents at home, however some of the young men are planning a big hunt of small game during the vacation.

Dr. Strong, our president made an extensive trip to Corpus Christi on business. Central's students are certainly a healthy lot and full of pep and ginger.

L. MONTGOMERY, Reporter.

## FORNEY.

Forney, Texas, Dec. 11.—Mr. Martin Villon of Italy, Texas, was the guest of Miss Leola Shaffner Sunday, also, Mrs. Banks of Dallas, was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Rose Mr. Wash Grant, Miss Ross, Miss Shaffner, Mrs. Banks and Mr. Villon made a flying trip to Terrell to the A. M. E. conference. They report a fine time.

## ROCKWALL.

Rockwall, Texas, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Ellen Hill has returned home after an extended visit to her son in Oklahoma. Mrs. C. Mathis and Mrs. E. Morrison made a flying trip to Dallas. Miss Louisa Bradley visited Miss Averling Walker of Royce City last week.

Prof. G. W. Nelson and several of his members attended the annual conference at Fort Worth.

Rev. F. R. Randles was at his post at 11:30 and at 4:30 p. m. Rev. P. G. Gambles filled the rostrum for Rev. F. R. Randles, text "God Will Provide." Gen. 22-8. At night the pastor was at his best and spoke to a large congregation.

## WHITEWRIGHT.

Whitewright, Texas, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Desbie Bryant, Fannie Pertler were in Sherman last week. Sunday they were well attended at all churches. Sunday, B. Y. P. U. was postponed on account of fuel being short. Rev. L. H. Heavey, passed through enroute to Dallas.

Mrs. Dicy Allen is up doing nicely. Mrs. Rentha Conley was called to Sulphur Springs, Texas, to the bed side of her sick mother, Mrs. Catherine Henderson was in Sulphur Springs also. Miss Lucinda Bagby, and Mr. Monroe Yatts were married at the home of Miss Alice Yatts, sister. Mrs. R. V. Dehoney was in Honey Grove last week. We are asking everybody to come to Sunday school, Dec. 14.

Rev. J. Wolfe was here Sunday. Mr. L. C. Lynch and wife have gone back to Oklahoma. Mr. Joe Neal is sick. Mr. J. H. Logan made a visit to Denison Sunday. Mr. J. Conley is repairing home.

## ROSEBUD.

Rosebud, Texas, Dec. 11.—Services were largely attended at the Independent Baptist church. The pastor was present and rendered two excellent sermons. Services at the St. Luke A. M. E. church were unusually good. The pastor preached his farewell sermon. Dr. J. H. Wamsley is visiting parents in Oakwood. This week attending the Central Texas annual conference.

Miss Johnson of Cameron, Texas, who is one of our gospel singers were with us last Sunday and entertained us. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon of Wichita Falls, Texas were in the city visiting their relatives. Mrs. Dixie Lott of the teachers in the Lott City school.

The colored business men of the city are making preparation to supply us with all the good things to make the holidays enjoyable. Give them a call.

Mrs. Wennie Dixon is on the sick list this week. Parents who don't consider the value of education and send those boys and girls to school regularly?

## CUNEY.

Cuney, Texas, Dec. 11.—We had nice service Sunday. Rev. R. H. Halum, the boy preacher, filled his appointment yesterday and had excellent service.

Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. were well attended. Our schools are progressing nicely under the principalship of Prof. A. J. Jesse. Mr. Sterling Nelson is nearing completion of his home. Mr. Y. Cuney, Price and Alton Wright is still shelving the woods in the interest of the Andy Realty Co. and report a grand success. Rev. D. C. Watell is still on the sick list but is reported better at this writing. Mr. W. D. Thomas was out of town last week on business. Miss Lizzie B. Givens is visiting parents in Oakwood. This week. Mr. Givens, the father of Mrs. Dr. H. C. Boykins was in the city this week.

Hon. H. L. Price spent last week in Palestine on business. Fox the Dallas Express, see J. F. Price.

## GILMER.

Gilmer, Texas, Dec. 11.—Mr. Joe Jones of Temple, Okla., was in our town last week visiting relatives and friends and on his return he was accompanied by his niece, Mrs. S. O. Smith of this place. Mr. Jones says that he has sold \$5500 worth of products and only about half through gathering. His pocket book showed that he was telling the truth. Mr. Ben Boyd of Gilmer sold his two farms and leaves for some part in Oklahoma, this week. Prof. B. K. Knight, N. M. Yates, Misses E. Meek, V. L. Blackman, L. H. Price, A. L. Smith, Mr. J. E. Vaire, Miss N. B. Watt, Miss McMillan all teachers from the rural were in town Saturday, also Mrs. Ella Byas. Rev. E. Prince of the A. M. E. church was sent back for another year's work. Rev. E. W. Johnson of Pittsburg was in our town Saturday on his way to his church at Sumterfield where he had on a big rally to build.

No preaching in Gilmer, Sunday for the first time in a long time. Mrs. M. E. Montgomery went to Marshall

to visit her daughter in Bishop College, last Saturday. Mr. A. Ingram and wife and Mr. J. P. Montgomery and Mrs. C. E. Marable toured to Lake Providence, Sunday.

Misses V. L. Blackman and L. H. Price toured to Longview, Sunday. Mrs. S. D. Wilson, L. A. Avery, E. L. Blacksher and Mrs. Polk went to the C. M. E. Conference at Texarkana last week. Sick listed. Mrs. Rosie Roberts. She is better. Mrs. Babo has a large music class and more are planning to take.

St. John and Lake Providence pulled off very good services Sunday. Mrs. Dovie Batts was found dead last week. Mr. Arch Steed also died last week.

## RIESEL.

Riesel, Texas, Dec. 11.—Service was well attended at the New Zion Baptist church after a lively Sunday school. Rev. J. S. Lee of Mt. Moriah was introduced and preached a soul stirring sermon which was enjoyed by all. At night the Hon. J. H. Stewart, Sov. Commander of the National Woodman made one of his famous lectures to a large audience.

Our public school under the leadership of Miss Washington and Miss Washington and Miss Hance are progressing fine. The public installation given by the National Woodmen Saturday was a great success.

The Hon. J. H. Stewart, Sov. Commander, Austin, Texas, made the principal address. The drill team played their part well and several new applicants for membership were received. Rev. S. D. Dekrete is very ill. Rev. H. Guy and Mr. R. C. and H. Long were in Waco Monday on business.

Mr. A. E. Estelle is erecting a beautiful 5 room house on their place, the jolly craftsmen of the Woodman League are preparing to entertain everybody at a 6-day carnival during the Christmas.

## ATHENS.

Athens, Texas, Dec. 11.—Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Jordan has purchased the Robert Gwilder place.

Rev. Sanders was in town a few days on his way to his new charge, Beaumont, Texas. Mrs. Maggie Milcham has returned home from Kemp, despite the fact that it was cold the young people were royally entertained Tuesday night by Mrs. Agna Hamlet.

## CORNICANA.

Cornicana, Texas, Dec. 11.—Mrs. R. M. Pearson, who is teaching Domestic Science in the Kerens high school is preparing an exhibit from that department at the County Teachers to see the real work that can be done in rural schools.

This being the first of the rural school to install the feature of work. Miss Lillian Hardee of Corsicana is in charge of the primary and music department a number of pupils have been added to this department. A three hundred and fifty dollar piano has been bought which adds much to the school. Rev. R. T. Pardee of Corsicana filled his place Sunday at Mt. Zion. Prof. R. M. Pearson visited Corsicana last week. Prof. G. A. Jones, J. B. Dellums was in the city last week.

Services were good at all the churches. Mrs. B. Y. Branham left for her home in Troupe last week after spending a few days with her parents. Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Perdue. Miss M. Oliver spent Saturday in Waco, also Prof. C. W. Banks and was delayed on account of the change in railroad schedule. Mrs. Ella Griggs, who was operated on some time ago is up and out again.

The Pilgrim Lodge under the leadership of Mr. J. J. Johnson had their annual banquet last week and every body present having quite an enjoyable time.

Prof. H. E. Howard of Terrell was in the city this week on business. Sick list: Rev. A. L. Moore, Mrs. Carrie Lawson and Mr. Ervin Carroll.

## DENTON.

Denton, Texas, Dec. 11.—Rev. W. P. Crockett returned from the annual conference at Fort Worth. He begins his second year's work with the purpose of erecting a new church. Madams A. E. Walker and E. M. Whitlock visited the conference. Among those who attended Sunday were Mrs. R. H. Burr, Miss Cora Burr, L. T. Lambert, H. Maddox, Sid Wood.

Mrs. Anna Lambert is visiting relatives in Lewisville. Rev. Swaney filled his pulpit at Pleasant Grove Baptist church, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Abe Woodard have purchased a beautiful home in Fort Worth and will move there shortly. Mrs. Mary Stone of Garza spent a few days in Denton. Mrs. Lucy Fox of Hickory was here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Patton are the happy recipients of a fine boy. Mr. J. W. Neal of Dallas spent the week-end with his family.

## PILOT POINT.

Pilot Point, Texas, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Lee Boswell and daughter, Avis of Gainesville, are visiting her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Reece Trammel. Rev. L. H. Pryor preached two excellent sermons Sunday at County Line Baptist church, both services were well attended. Miss Lois Halton has returned from Gainesville. Miss Beale Riddle has begun her duties as assistant teacher in the city school.

Mr. Elbert Phillips spent Sunday in Denton.

Mr. Andrew Hugley and Luke Caldwell are attending the A. M. E. Conference in Fort Worth.

## WARNING

All members of the Excelsior Mutual Association are hereby notified not to pay to K. D. Morrison and W. P. Vaughn any monies as dues to this association. The association will not be liable for any receipt given by them.

H. STRICKLAND, Pres.  
SILAS COFIELD, Secy-Treas.

## PARIS.

Paris, Texas, Dec. 11.—In response to a meeting called by Prof. J. A. Bills and R. S. Halbert, the colored citizens of Paris and Lamar county organized the Lamar County Investment Company at a capital stock of \$20,000.00. The purpose of the organization is to purchase choice real estate for the use of Negroes as business and office buildings. Last week the company purchased from Mr. J. N. House, a one-story brick building fronting five doors on Rusk street, extending from Price street for \$10,000 cash. Since that time the company has been offered \$15,000 for the building.

The officers and stock holders of this organization include some of the wealthiest and most influential men of the county who are rated at from \$500 to \$200,000.00.

The printing and newspaper press which was purchased for the printing of a newspaper by the Colored people of Paris from the New American Pub. Co., of Seguin has arrived. This press which cost \$1,200 could not be purchased from the factory now for less than \$5,000.00.

Prof. B. H. Graham, District Commissioner agent for the Great Southern Fire Insurance Co., of Atlanta, Ga., a Negro company chartered by the state of Georgia and capitalized at \$150,000.00 has sold several shares of stock in the last few days to out of town subscribers.